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REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 14 are cancelled. Claims 17-26 are allowed. Claims 9-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious based upon U.S. Patent No. 5,439,760 issued to Howard in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,699,265 issued to O'Phelan. Claim 9 is amended to include a portion of the limitations found in claim 17, which Applicant believes places the remainder of the claims in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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